THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is stated that the Government have not made any reduction in the maximum weight carrying limits of the goods vehicles, and similar ceilings were prevalent under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. In the representations received from various organisations a request for increase in the load carrying capacity was made but this was not found acceptable since the overloading has been identified to be one of the major causes of road accidents and damage to the roads.

One Rupee Currency Notes

1513. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of one rupee currency notes printed and the expenditure incurred thereon during each of the last three years;

(b) the average life of such notes;

(c) whether the Government propose to discontinue printing of one rupee notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The information is given below:

Year	*Pieces printed (Million)*	*Expenditure (Rs. lakh)*
1888-89	406.80	488.16
1989-90	355.00	479.29
1990-91	440.80	462.84

(b) The estimated average life of a Re.1/-note is about 6 months.

(c) The Government propose to discontinue the printing of Re.1/- note in a phased manner.

(d) Volume-wise, Re.1/- notes constitute around 21% but value-wise, represent only 1.1% of the total notes in circulation. The expenditure incurred towards printing and transporting Re.1/- notes is neither commensurate with its purchasing power nor with the life span of such notes. The Re.1/- note is proposed to be substituted by Re.1/- coin.

[*Translation*]

Declaration of Nasirabad-Mhow Stretch of Road as National Highway

*1514. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEYA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been persistent demand to declare Nasirabad-Mhow stretch of the road on the Bombay-Delhi route through Jaipur, Ajmer and Indore as a National Highway;

(b) whether this route is shorter than the

Delhi-Agra-Bombay route and there is heavy traffic on this route; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to declare this stretch of road as a National Highway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been proposing from time to time the declaration of certain State Road as new National Highways including the Ajmer-Nasirabad-Chittor-Neemuch-Mandsaur-Ratlam-Mhow-Kandhwa-Jalgaon Road which covers the route in question. A similar request has also been made by the Rajasthan Government for the part of this route in their territory.

(b) No Sir.

(c) A decision about the declaration of new National Highways would be taken only after the formulation of the 8th Five Year Plan, keeping in view the availability of funds and certain other criteria laid down for the purpose.

Law Colleges Teaching and Conducting Examinations in Hindi and Regional Languages

*1515. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PPANDEYA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state the particulars of Government Law colleges teaching and conducting examinations in Hindi and regional languages besides English?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): The requisite information is being collected will be laid on the Table of the House.

Raids by Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan

1516. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of raids conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons arrested and the details of the narcotic drugs seized during the above period alongwith the value thereof; and

(c) the number of offenders who have absconded after the seizure of narcotic drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The number of raids conducted by the Narcotics Control Bureau in Rajasthan during the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 are as given below:-

Year	*Number of raids*
1988	3
1989	3
1990	2

(b) The number of persons arrested and the details of the narcotic drugs seized during the said period are as given below:-

Year	*Number of arrests*	*Quantity of drugs Seized (in Kgs.)*	
1988	6	Heroin	2.9